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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 573, L.D. 822, Bill, “An Act To Establish a Program To Invite Legislators To Visit Public School Classrooms”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish Invite Your Maine Legislator To School Month'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-J is enacted to read:

§150-J. Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month

January is designated Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging teachers, school administrators and Legislators to observe this month through appropriate activities, including inviting Legislators to visit school classrooms to meet with teachers, school administrators and students in order to promote increased knowledge among Legislators of the prekindergarten to grade 12 public education programs provided to students in their legislative districts.

Within available resources, the Department of Education shall make appropriate information available to teachers, school administrators and students through the department's publicly accessible website.

Sec. 2. Partnership with education stakeholders. The Department of Education may partner with education stakeholder groups, including, but not limited to, Educate Maine and the Maine Development Foundation, to provide appropriate information that encourages teachers, school administrators and students to participate in the Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month established in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 150-J.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to clarify the intent of the bill. This amendment establishes Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month to encourage teachers and school administrators to invite Legislators to visit school classrooms and meet with teachers, school administrators and students to promote increased knowledge among Legislators of prekindergarten to grade 12 public education programs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)